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"Over 85 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION"



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From the Staff ...

Major David A. Flannigan
Technical Services Bureau



Choosing The Patrol Is Choosing To Help Others

Do you remember *why* you chose your job? Regardless of whether you are a civilian employee or a uniformed member, we all had a reason to seek employment with the Patrol. The question I have asked others throughout the years is, "When you recall why you chose your job years ago, is that reason still important to you today?"

Many years ago, I remember discussing with a college professor the correct responses in a job interview when asked why someone would want to be a law enforcement officer. He didn't have a strong opinion about what draws people into the law enforcement profession. But, he "joked" at one point that it *wasn't* about helping people. I was taken aback, because I specifically remember in my interview to become a Missouri state trooper that I said I wanted to be a trooper so that I could help others. I submit that if you are not in the business of helping people, you will not enjoy your career in public service.

The Patrol is a large organization, one that is unlike most police departments when you consider our composition. Due to the various responsibilities tasked to the Patrol, we are close to a ratio of 53% uniformed members and 47% civilian employees. I value the time I spent in the zone many years ago, but I also place a high value on the time I have spent learning many of the functions performed by our civilian employees in their various capacities. To its core, the Patrol is

about the officer working in the field. However, we simply cannot overvalue the duties that all our employees perform every day. We are truly a full-service police agency. We not only provide service to those who live, work, and travel in Missouri, but also to our criminal justice partners at all levels. These partners share our passion to leave the state of Missouri in a better position than before we started working in our chosen career.

A little more than 20 years ago, another trooper and I worked a crash involving a 16-year-old boy who was ejected from his truck in a one-vehicle crash. It was the same type of crash all troopers investigate numerous times in their career. A vehicle drifts off the right side of the road, the driver overcorrects, and the vehicle slides across the road and overturns. This particular boy landed on the pavement and suffered severe, closed head trauma. The pavement was hot, so we put something underneath him to make him as comfortable as we could while waiting for the ambulance and medical helicopter to arrive. We did what we could for him, consistently telling him that we were with him and were there to help him. Although his eyes were open, you could see beyond them and know that he was not going to survive without a miracle. The helicopter took him to a large trauma center that was located an hour away from his mother's residence. By the time she arrived at the hospital, he was

hooked up to machines that breathed for him and there were lines and tubes everywhere. To her, he was almost unrecognizable. She made the difficult decision to let him go. The other trooper and I attended the funeral the following week.

We recognized the sadness and tragedy of seeing that young man at the traffic crash scene. But, I'm sure his mother would have given everything to have taken our place and spent those last few moments with him. It was a privilege to have been there, to have served during this tragedy. I wish I could have made that college professor understand that helping people is the best reason to choose this career. No matter where our career takes us, we can always make the conscious effort to help others.

The Patrol is a big family, and we take exception when others grumble about the organization without having a full appreciation of who we are, what we do, and how much we care. Compassion, hard work, and professionalism are not fads. They are the fiber that makes this organization great. During this holiday season, I hope we all take time to realize how fortunate we are. I want to thank you for making the right choice to help others.

I hope you and your family have a blessed and safe holiday season.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DA. Flannigan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "DA." at the top left and "Flannigan" at the bottom right.

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Social Media Snapshot



It's never too early to recruit! This post on Facebook brought smiles to our followers.

You're Invited

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at the Holiday Inn-Executive Center, Columbia, MO. The awards banquet is open to all employees and their guest/spouse. In the past, the fee has been \$40 per person and we anticipate the same for this year. The banquet usually starts with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. with dinner immediately following, and then the presentation of awards. If you have any questions, please contact Special Asst. Kerry L. Bax at (573) 526-6159 or kerry.bax@mshp.dps.mo.gov.

Cover

Gov. Eric Greitens welcomed MVI III Charles McMillan back at Springfield-Branson National Airport when the Honor Flight of the Ozarks returned.

"It Was An Honor To Be Aboard This Flight!"

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D

I was selected to go on the Honor Flight for October 2017 provided by the Honor Flight of the Ozarks. Veterans from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam wars are provided the great honor of seeing the nation's capital and surrounding memorials.

Lift off by American Airlines A320 was around 5:30 a.m. We had to be at the airport at 3:30 a.m. Makes for a long, but eventful day.

We are assigned "guardians" to cater to our every need on the one-day trip. Taylor, my guardian, did an awesome job of trying to keep up with me. Having been a guardian myself, I knew what to expect ... and we saw things the others didn't see (i.e. the tomb of Robert, Mary and Abraham II Lincoln in Arlington Cemetery; FBI Headquarters; Trump Hotel ... but, I digress.) She was dutiful to stay on my heels.

I entered the military in April 1968. Spent my first Christmas on Guam refueling B52s that went from Andersen AFB to Vietnam. There were five airplanes to a sortie and they flew five sorties each day. It was sad, also, to see the C141 medivacs with wounded soldiers heading stateside for medical care. I had the privilege of seeing Bob Hope and Miss World and the Gold Diggers as they performed for us. I remember shaking hands with Spiro Agnew on his visit to Guam.



MVI III Charles McMillan, Troop D, was especially moved by the Korean War Memorial.



This sign greeted the veterans when they disembarked from the Honor Flight.

In my 24-year career with the United States Air Force I visited 28 foreign countries. I was stationed on Guam, Korea, and Crete. Other assignments were TDY or temporary duty locations.

I'm now in my 25th year with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. To be honest, I don't feel as old as I am. Well, maybe I have some aches and pains I didn't have as a 19-year-old enlisted man. I retired from the Air Force in 1992, with the rank of master sergeant.

The Honor Flight group visited the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Wall and Memorial, WWII and Korean



Taylor, who served as guardian for his Honor Flight experience, had to work to keep up with MVI III Charles McMillan.

memorials, and Arlington Cemetery. While at Arlington I saw Audie Murphy's grave (highly decorated WWII veteran and Medal of Honor recipient), and Astronaut John Glenn's grave. I was humbled by the changing of the guard for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington. I found a classmate's name on the Vietnam Wall ... he was in the U.S. Army and was killed while on patrol. The memorial that I really liked the most was the Korean Memorial. I spent 13 months at Osan AB, Korea, without my family.

As I reflect on the day's events and the reason I was selected to go, I am honored and really don't feel worthy. But, I'm glad I went. We arrived back at the Springfield-Branson National Airport at around 9:45 p.m. and as I walked the long corridor to enter the airport I was met by Governor Eric Greitens. Yes, it was a personal meeting as he embraced me with a hug and a, "Welcome back." I had my picture taken and said, "Thanks."

As all 186 people entered the airport, we walked as a group and were met with cheers from a huge crowd of civilians, prior military, current military, law enforcement, and others. They carried placards saying, "Welcome back, Veterans!" There was a band playing a brisk tune. I shook hands with many people, including children who had stayed up past their bedtime to greet all the veterans.

I was truly honored to have been on this flight.

Patrol Employees Go 'Over The Edge'

'Look, Ma, No Hands!'

By Section Chief Rocky L. Ponder,
Q/CommD

I was excited about the opportunity to participate in Special Olympics' Over the Edge event. Although I had very limited experience rappelling, I was eager to try it again. Upon arriving at the Jefferson State Office Building, I checked in and the friendly staff fastened me into the harness. They checked, then double checked everything, so I was never worried about my safety during the entire event. If you are considering participating in this event, you do not need to worry about safety issues. Not only do they triple check the harness, but they also use two ropes when rappelling. One rope is the main line and the other is a backup. Now that I was securely fastened, it was time for my ascent to the rooftop.

I, along with two others from the Patrol, took an elevator to the 14th floor and then went up to the roof. After each of us were shown how to use the equipment and how the safety

equipment operates, the staff ushered us to the edge of the building. The view of the Missouri State Capitol and of the Governor's Mansion from this vantage point was awesome. After stepping to the edge, I leaned backward, allowing the rope and harness to hold my weight. All "edgers" are asked to hold their arms out to their sides almost as if to say, "Look, Ma, no hands!" Then, I began the controlled decent, which is an experience like no other. I decided a slow and steady decent was best for me, so it took approximately three minutes to travel 13 stories down. I enjoyed it very much and look forward to doing it again!

As fun and rewarding as going "Over the Edge" was, the true reward was yet to come. The following morning my wife, son, and I were at church. A lady who had won several medals in Special Olympics softball the week before came up to me and with a big hug said, "Thank you for going Over the



Section Chief Rocky Ponder prepares to and then rappels the Jefferson Office Building for Over The Edge. Photos: Meg Ponder.

Edge for me!" Her thanks took me by surprise. It was at this point I realized how many people the Special Olympics affects. I anticipate doing the Over the Edge challenge again in the future, not just for the excitement of rappelling, but for the support of the Special Olympics and all that they do.



The Patrol contingent visits with some new friends before rappelling. Those going Over The Edge included (in hard hats l to r) Clerk Typist III DeAna Schulte, Q/TND, Mrs. Gloria Reinsch (wife of Lt. Paul J. Reinsch, Q/PIED), and Section Chief Rocky Ponder, Q/CommD. Photo courtesy of: Tracy Johnson (DeAna's daughter)

I Would Do It Again!

By Clerk Typist III DeAna D. Schulte, Q/TND

I would have to say being a part of the Highway Patrol has been very exciting. I see so many opportunities to help others, and we must be convicted to do our part. I believe in Special Olympics for the fact it makes the athletes feel proud. Our supporting the athletes gives them an opportunity to show other athletes how to step outside of the box and try something new. They also get a moment to feel like a celebrity, getting their pictures taken with both members and civilians. It was an honor for me to get my picture taken with two of the athletes, something I will always cherish. The day of Over the Edge I wasn't sure I would go over the edge again. But, I've had time to think about it and I believe I would do it again!

Crouch Joins Missouri Sports Hall of Fame

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D

The Missouri Sports Hall of Fame selected three former players and two state championship football teams for induction at its annual Football Luncheon. Hosted by Ozarks Coca-Cola/Dr. Pepper Bottling Company on October 16, 2017, the celebration took place at the University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Springfield, MO.

The entity recognized Troop D Sergeant Shannon W. Crouch as someone who made a positive impact. He was considered one of the best to ever "lace up cleats" at Seneca High School.

Sgt. Crouch confirmed for me that according to the records he still ranks high on statistical lists in Missouri:

- 5th in career all-purpose yards (7,476)
- 10th in career rushing attempts (836)
- 9th in career rushing touchdowns (77)

In 1986 and 1987, he earned consecutive USA Today All-American honors, as well as all-state honors. During his senior year, Seneca High School won a Class 2 state title with a 20-13 win over Brentwood High School.

Who would have known? I just thought he was a good deer hunter.



Sgt. Shannon Crouch

Tpr. Johnson Accepts Excellence Award

By Sgt. Scott B. White, Troop F

On October 18, 2017, The Midwest Anti-Auto Crime Association presented Trooper Grant T. Johnson with an Excellence Award for his efforts in investigating a suspected motorcycle theft. The presentation occurred during a ceremony in Columbia, MO.

While a stolen vehicle report is typically straightforward, this one turned out a little different. On February 19, 2017, Tpr. Johnson took an initial report of a stolen Harley-Davidson motorcycle. The victim stated the motorcycle had been taken from the side of the highway after the motorcycle had broken down.

In July 2017, Progressive Insurance contacted Tpr. Johnson about a possible fraud committed by the "victim" of the theft. Tpr. Johnson's investigation revealed that the motorcycle was actually sold by the reporting party, who then reported the loss to an insurance company for further financial gain. Tpr. Johnson's investigation also uncovered the individuals in posses-

Mr. Frank Williams, president of the Midwest Anti-Auto Crime Association, presented the group's Excellence Award to Tpr. Grant Johnson,



sion of the motorcycle and coordinated the effort to retrieve it. Due to the combined efforts of Tpr. Johnson, Progressive Insurance, and the lienholder, the motorcycle was seized in August 2017. Tpr. Johnson not only convinced several individuals in the case to surrender the motorcycle, he persuaded

them to transport it from the state of Texas to Jefferson City, MO!

Congratulations, Tpr. Johnson! Not only for a job well done, but also for your extraordinary persuasion skills!

It's Make A Difference Day!

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

On October 28, 2017, 28 volunteers took part in "Make a Difference Day" at Yeatman-Liddell Middle School in St. Louis. The Patrol was partnering with KSDK 5 On your Side for the event, providing much needed painting and landscaping to the school, which is located in a neighborhood in St. Louis where students face economic and social challenges. In its 28th year, Make a Difference Day occurs throughout the nation. It is sponsored by TEGNA with support from Arby's and Points of Light.

In years past, Make a Difference Day has been a one-day, stand-alone event. However, this year it serves as a kick-off event for an ongoing initiative. At Yeatman-Liddell, Patrol volunteers helped install new basketball goals in the gymnasium, renovate several rooms (nurse's office, art room, teachers' lounge) and front entryway, work on landscaping, and painted. Their day started at 8 a.m. and ended at 4 p.m. Professional painters and school staff joined the volunteers.

"I participated because I wanted to help the students be proud of their school," said retired Special Assistant Jenny L. Becker, Q/FOB, "and when you are proud of your surroundings, you feel good about yourself! I think this is a wonderful event; I wish this could happen more often. What an opportunity to help shape the lives of some of these kids!"

Jenny said her 16-year-old grandson went with her to help paint. She said she thought he also had a great experience. "He was very proud to be part of this and to help other students who might not be as fortunate as him," she said.



Captain Ron Johnson, Office of Community Engagement and Outreach, speaks to volunteers.

Lieutenant Colonel Eric T. Olson, Q/ASO, had this to say about the event:

"I appreciated the opportunity to participate in Make a Difference Day. The improvements to the school were obvious, but I think the greatest reward came from meeting new people and sharing in the experience with other individuals who were also motivated to make a difference for the students of Yeatman-Liddell Middle School."

Thank you to all the volunteers!

Col. Sandra Karsten and Capt. Ron Johnson, along with Fredbird joined the Yeatman-Liddell students for an assembly the Monday following Make a Difference Day.



Retired Special Asst. Jenny Becker and her grandson painted during Make a Difference Day.

'Looking Beyond The Stop'

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial traffic/boating stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of August 19, 2017 to October 24, 2017. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column. Rank and assignment reflect those at printing.)

Troop A

Tpr. D.R. Becker, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.C. Belardo, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.M. Bridges, 2 arrests
 Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 5 arrests
 Tpr. Q.L. DiNovi, 1 arrest
 Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.E. Dodson, 3 arrests
Tpr. D.K. Fletcher, 1 arrest
 Tpr. T.I. Goolsby, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.J. Hanrahan, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.A. Hartshorn, 1 arrest
 Tpr. D.J. Jackson, 1 arrest
 Cpl. D.A. Jones, 2 arrests
 Cpl. D.J. Kline, 3 arrests
Tpr. B.N. Marquart, 1 arrest
 Cpl. D.D. Mathes, 3 arrests
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 10 arrests
Cpl. C.D. Moeller, 5 arrests
Tpr. C.D. Parrott, 1 arrest
 Tpr. N.A. Perez, 1 arrest
 Tpr. B.R. Peters, 1 arrest
Sgt. G.D. Primm, 5 arrests
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 5 arrests
Tpr. B.R. Siercks, 1 arrest
 Tpr. T.C. Smith, 1 arrest
 Tpr. H.R. Stevens, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.J. Villanueva, 4 arrests
Tpr. N.D. Wallace, 8 arrests
 Cpl. R.J. Wilhoit, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.B. Wright, 1 arrest

Troop B

Sgt. R.H. Bartels, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.R. Bartholmey, 1 arrest
 Sgt. N.D. Berry, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.P. Borgmeyer, 2 arrests
 Tpr. M.L. Bradley, 1 arrest
 Tpr. K.J. Cool, 1 arrest
 Cpl. J.S. Dunn, 1 arrest
 Cpl. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 1 arrest
 Tpr. T.C. Fuller, 2 arrests
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Gipson, 1 arrest
 Tpr. A.M. Hitt, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.E. Kindle, 1 arrest

Tpr. C.R. Kottwitz, 14 arrests
Tpr. K. McGivney, 1 arrest
 Tpr. M.H. Riley, 2 arrests
 Tpr. J.A. Rowe, 1 arrest
 Tpr. T.B. Smith, 4 arrests
 Tpr. C.W. Walton, 1 arrest

Troop C

Cpl. J.A. Ashby, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.G. Autenrieth, 1 arrest
 Tpr. O.R. Baker, 1 arrest
 Tpr. Z.D. Bauer, 1 arrest
 Tpr. J.J. Burnett, 1 arrest
 Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 3 arrests
 Tpr. Z.D. Chapman, 1 arrest
 Tpr. C.W. Cherry, 1 arrest
 Cpl. A.M. Coval, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.L. Crutcher Jr., 7 arrests
 Tpr. G.T. Daniels, 1 arrest
 Sgt. J.L. Decker, 1 arrest
 Tpr. T.H. Elliston, 1 arrest
 Cpl. C.D. Gullett, 1 arrest
 Tpr. M.K. Halim, 2 arrests
Cpl. D.F. Isringhausen, 1 arrest
 Tpr. J.C. Jenkins, 3 arrests
 Cpl. L.J. Keathley, 1 arrest
 Tpr. J.A. Kuczka, 2 arrests
 Tpr. J.E. Lacy, 1 arrest
 Tpr. B.J. Magnan, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.A. Metteer Jr., 1 arrest
 Lt. K.B. Miller, 1 arrest
 Sgt. J.D. Oughton, 1 arrest
 Tpr. T.L. Peters, 4 arrests
Tpr. S.T. Roettger, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Sanders, 2 arrests
 Sgt. W.B. Sevier, 3 arrests
 Tpr. A.J. Shibley, 3 arrests
 Cpl. A.D. Smith, 1 arrest
 Cpl. B.A. Teague, 3 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Walker Jr., 1 arrest
 Tpr. B.P. Waaso, 1 arrest

Troop D

Cpl. M.D. Adams, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.L. Anderson, 1 arrest
 Tpr. T.C. Baker, 7 arrests
 Tpr. T.A. Barrett, 8 arrests
Tpr. D.B. Blankenship, 1 arrest

Tpr. C.J. Beck, 5 arrests
Sgt. G.L. Braden, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.L. Cleeton, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.C. Clark, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.L. Coffey, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.J. Cook, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.R. Cook Sr., 1 arrest
Tpr. K.R. Copeland, 3 arrests
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 3 arrests
 Sgt. M.K. Frazier, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.A. Goodson, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.L. Harmon, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.W. Henley, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 11 arrests
 Tpr. A.J. Kahler, 2 arrests
 Tpr. K.L. Knight, 1 arrest
Sgt. D.L. Kuechler, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 1 arrest
 Tpr. J.J. Long, 1 arrest
 Cpl. J.L. Mason, 4 arrests
 Tpr. J.B. May, 1 arrest
 Tpr. E.L. Mueller, 1 arrest
 Cpl. R.A. Myers, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.P. O'Sullivan, 2 arrests
 Tpr. J.R. Rorie, 4 arrests
 Sgt. S.R. Rowe, 1 arrest
 Cpl. C.A. Stallcup, 1 arrest
 Tpr. B.D. Vaught, 1 arrest

Troop E

Tpr. E.L. Bennett, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.D. Berry, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.L. Crafton, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.W. Crank, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.B. Doyle Jr., 1 arrest
Tpr. E.J. Ganime, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.L. Huggins, 2 arrests
 Tpr. R. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. T. Karizamimba, 4 arrests
 Tpr. C.E. Leach, 2 arrests
Sgt. J.L. McCullough, 1 arrest
 Cpl. R.D. Owens, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.M. Reynolds, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.L. Schlief, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.T. Schneid, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.D. Tucker, 2 arrests
 Tpr. G.T. Ulm, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.W. Welker, 1 arrest

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Cpl. J.J. West, 5 arrests
Tpr. E.M. Westmoreland, 3 arrests
Cpl. J.T. Wilson, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.J. Windham, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.D. Wunderlich, 1 arrest

Troop F

Tpr. G.A. Ayres, 2 arrests
Tpr. S.D. Bledsoe, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.G. Broniec, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.J. Broniec, 1 arrest
Tpr. Z.A. Czerniewski, 3 arrests
Tpr. A.R. Enderle, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.C. Fick, 3 arrests
Cpl. D.L. Fouch, 3 arrests
Cpl. M.T. Halford, 2 arrests
Tpr. E.T. Hane, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.W. Harlan, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.L. Harris, 2 arrests
Sgt. S.B. Johnson, 5 arrests
Tpr. T.G. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.G. Kettenbach, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.B. Kings, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.R. Lawson, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.W. Mahaney, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.M. Malone III, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.D. Mathes, 1 arrest
Tpr. H.M. McDaniel, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.B. Nelson, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.J. O'Brien, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.C. Penrod, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.L. Rice, 3 arrests
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 2 arrests
Cpl. J.A. Veasman, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.A. Winter, 1 arrest

Troop G

Tpr. M.J. Chastain, 5 arrests
Tpr. C.P. Chatman, 3 arrests
Tpr. S.J. Crewse, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.S. Cunningham, 7 arrests
Sgt. S.M. Dougherty, 1 arrest
Sgt. L.S. Elliott, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.N. Foster, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.M. Heimsoth, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.J. Johnson, 4 arrests
Tpr. C.J. Mendez, 4 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Nash, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.A. Philpott, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.O. Prater, 2 arrests
Cpl. J.R. Roberts, 4 arrests
Cpl. E.M. VanWinkle, 1 arrest
Sgt. R.D. Vaughan, 3 arrests

Troop H

Sgt. L.M. Allen, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.E. Hainey, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 1 arrest
Tpr. V.R.E. McBride, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Muck, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.W. Neely, 1 arrest
Sgt. L.M. Newman, 2 arrests
Sgt. M.P. Quilty, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.A. Regan, 4 arrests
Tpr. D.R. Reuter, 1 arrest
Sgt. T.L. Williams, 1 arrest

Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 5 arrests
Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 3 arrests
Cpl. J.D. Fariole, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.T. Peart, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.A. Pulley, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.D. Rapier, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.S. Sloan, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.C. Southwood, 1 arrest
Cpl. P.V.J. Volkmer, 4 arrests
Tpr. T.G. Zimmerman, 1 arrest

Q/GD

Tpr. M.C. Downey, 1 arrest

Troop I

Tpr. S.M. Blackston, 2 arrests
Cpl. C.R. Capps, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.E. Conway, 1 arrest

Trunk Or Treat!!



By Troop B

Tpr. Jesse S. Halley, Troop B, found some familiar faces when he stopped to mingle with members of the community during the Macon Crossroads Church Trunk Or Treat event. Pictured from left to right are: Mr. Darren Cullifer holding Levi Stieger, Mrs. Angie Cullifer, Meade Fry (seated), CVO Supervisor Kyle E. Cullifer, Troop B, Minister Matt Stieger, Tpr. Jesse Halley, Mr. Troy Fry, and Admin. Office Support Asst. Paula L. Fry, Troop B.

Gov. Greitens Recognizes 18

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

On October 28, Governor Eric Greitens presented the Missouri Medal of Valor and four new Department of Public Safety awards to a total of 16 Missouri public safety responders from across the state and two civilians who assisted law enforcement officers in emergency situations during 2016. It was the first ever Missouri Public Safety Officers Recognition Day.

"Missourians are extraordinarily grateful for the risks our public safety responders are willing to assume each and every day to make our state safe," Gov. Greitens said. "Today, it was my honor to stand with and recognize some the finest citizens our state has. Their life-saving and compassionate actions prevented deaths, strengthened communities and gave new hope to people facing adversity. I also believe it's extremely important to recognize the civilians who partnered with public safety officers in emergency situations and protected the public. Thank you to all who bravely acted to make a difference in their communities."

Award recipients, their families, and coworkers attended a reception at the Governor's Mansion after the ceremony.

Three of the award recipients were members of the Patrol. Two troopers each accepted a Missouri Medal of Valor, while a third trooper was awarded a Public Safety Medal of Merit. The Medal of Valor is Missouri's highest award recognizing public safety officers who "exhibit exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness and presence of mind, and unusual swiftness of action, regardless of his or her personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life." The Public Safety Medal of Merit recognizes "brave actions above and beyond the call of normal duty that played a critical role in successfully resolving a situation that endangered public safety."



Gov. Eric Greitens presents a Missouri Medal of Valor to Tpr. Tyler Zimmerman, Troop I.

Gov. Eric Greitens awards a Missouri Medal of Valor to Sgt. Jason Glendenning, Troop I.

Tpr. Austin Kings, Troop F, accepts a Public Safety Medal of Merit from Gov. Eric Greitens.

Sergeant Jason H. Glendenning and Trooper Tyler G. Zimmerman, both Troop I, accepted Valor Medals. On July 16, 2016, the two troopers decided to search for trouble spots on the Niangua River after recent flooding. During their search, they located a large tree creating a strainer and began to address the problem. While working to remedy this dangerous situation, the troopers bravely saved the lives of 11 people caught in this natural phenomenon as they floated down the river. The two troopers then moved up river and stopped others from floating into this dangerous area. Sgt. Glendenning and Tpr. Zimmerman subsequently made arrangements to have the tree removed from the river.

Sgt. Glendenning said the event taking place on a Saturday made it easy for his family to attend. He described dinner at the Governor's Mansion afterward as "an amazing experience for my family." He also remarked on the amount of kindness people have shown him since he accepted the Medal of Valor. "Trooper Zimmerman and I are blessed to have the support and training necessary to succeed in the



— Recognizes

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situation we encountered," Sgt. Glendenning said.

"It was a humbling experience to see so many people giving up a Saturday to honor us," said Tpr. Zimmerman. "That award means a lot and to receive it feels awesome. Meeting Governor Greitens I got to see how much he supports law enforcement, and how he and his staff are going out of their way to continue giving us tools we need to do our jobs."

Trooper Austin B. Kings, Troop F, accepted a Medal of Merit that day, alongside Corporal Derek Chism and Sergeant Brian Hollensteiner, both Audrain County sheriff's deputies. These three officers responded to an apartment complex in Farber, MO, in September 2016. A man with a shotgun confronted the officers inside an apartment. The officers ordered him to drop the gun, but the gunman fired. Sgt. Hollensteiner and Tpr. Kings returned fire, striking the gunman. Cpl. Chism radioed for assistance and all three officers provided first aid until EMS arrived. The gunman, who was a convicted murderer who had recently been released from prison, recovered and will stand trial.

"The ceremony was a great way for the Department of Public Safety and the governor to recognize and show appreciation to civilians, police officers, and firefighters for excellence in leadership and the performance of [their] duties," said Tpr. Kings. "It was an honor to be among the individuals receiving awards."

"I think it's outstanding Governor Greitens chose to directly award each individual," said Tpr. Kings. "Receiving an award for your actions is meaningful, and receiving it from the governor makes it more special."

"My kids thought it was really cool," said Sgt. Glendenning.

Congratulations, Sgt. Glendenning, Tpr. Zimmerman, and Tpr. Kings!

Award recipients from other departments included:

Missouri Medal of Valor

Officers Adam Brannin, Jason Francis, & Rusty Rives
Joplin Police Department

Corporal Eli Dorsey and Sergeant Brandon Sherman
Gladstone Department of Public Safety

Public Safety Medal of Merit

Major Jaime Solis
Richland Police Department

Corporal Derek Chism and Sergeant Brian Hollensteiner
Audrain County Sheriff's Office

Sergeant Thomas Lake
St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department

Director's Leadership Medal:

Awarded at the command or staff level to someone whose demonstrated actions in the areas of community-oriented engagement and collaborative community-based activities have promoted an environment of greater safety, security and cooperation for community members.

Captain Jeff Lofton
Christian County Sheriff's Office

Captain Garon P. Mosby
St. Louis Fire Department

Captain Tommy St. John
Clay County Sheriff's Office

Hall of Fame Award:

Presented to a senior or retired public safety professional in recognition of an exemplary career of service to the state of Missouri evidenced by devoting their talents to improving the safety and security of the state's citizens.

Chief Michael T. Force, retired
St. Louis Police Department

Public Safety Partnership Civilian Award:

Awarded to a civilian who has provided valuable or courageous assistance to members of a Missouri public safety agency in an emergency situation.

Mr. David Lyman

Mr. Kenneth R. Belew

Retired Officers Fulfill Veterans' Wish

By Ret. Lt. B. Tim Deshler

Retired Sergeant Gary F. Baker is known for a variety of things resulting from his 31 years of service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. But, his big heart is something he tries to keep hidden. It was on display for all to see recently as he fulfilled a wish from a fellow military veteran.

Sgt. Baker was contacted by an acquaintance from a local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter, Kathy Lee, who told him of Don Williams, an Air Force Veteran and one of the first motorcycle officers of the Kansas City, MO, Police Department. Mr. Williams' wife, Tenzing, had contacted the VFW to arrange hospice care for her husband. She indicated that one of Don's final wishes was to go on one last motorcycle ride. The service officer at VFW knew Sgt. Baker and his involvement with military volunteer groups such as the Patriot Guard. She contacted Gary and told him of Mrs. Williams' request.

Sgt. Baker didn't hesitate, telling Ms. Lee that he would get into contact with Tenzing Williams and make arrangements for the ride. He then contacted retired KCPD Motorcycle Officer Bob Knutson, retired KCPD Officer Ronnie McDowell, retired Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Agent Bob Harper, and retired Missouri State Highway Patrol Lieutenant Tim Deshler, all who consented to assist Gary with the ride.

On Sunday, September 10, the group, accompanied by McDowell's wife, Jeannie, and Baker's girlfriend, Mary, went to the Williams' residence to surprise Don. Tenzing had Don sitting at the front door, so he could see the bikes arrive. We assisted Don onto Ronnie's Harley-Davidson trike and Tenzing onto Harper's Harley-Davidson trike and took off. A smile never left Don Williams' face for the duration of the ride. We stopped in Independence,

MO, and had barbecue at "A Little Barbecue Joint." When the owners of the establishment found out the reason for the ride, they provided the Williams' meals free of charge.

When we returned to the Williams' residence all Don could say was, "I have got to get me one of those things," referring to McDowell's Harley trike. Sgt. Baker then presented Don with an American flag in honor of his military service to our country and Officer Knutson presented him with KCPD motorcycle wings uniform insignia in honor of his time with the police department. Williams was touched by both presentations.

Tenzing Williams called Sgt. Baker later in the week and said Don had not stopped talking about the experience. She told Gary of her great appreciation for fulfilling one of Don's final wishes. Sgt. Baker assured her that our group benefitted as well from that feeling of



Mr. Don Williams sits astride a Harley Davidson trike.

fulfillment. As for Sgt. Baker, I will echo what those in his Friday morning coffee group said to him upon hearing of his actions, "Gary, you did good."

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



**Leona A.
Brentano**
DE III
Troop A

Retired October 1, 2017.
12 years of dedicated service.

Congratulations On Your Retirement!

**Freddie L.
Butler Jr.**
Corporal
Troop E

Retired October 1, 2017.
21 years of dedicated service.



Bob E. Proctor
Sergeant
Troop D

Retired November 1, 2017.
30 years of dedicated service.



Matt R. Renshaw
Sergeant
Troop E

Retired November 1, 2017.
29 years of dedicated service.



Dottie E. Taylor
Lieutenant
Q/TND

Retired November 1, 2017.
21 years of dedicated service.

Labs Enjoy Spook-tacular Chili Contest

By Criminalist III Abby J. Vivas, Q/CLD

On October 31, GHQ Crime Laboratory Division employees gathered for the 16th Annual Chili Cookoff. A chili chef from each forensic discipline provided a pot of chili to be rated by a panel of three judges. Employees also voted for the best lab employee costume. The costume winners included Lab. Evid. Tech. II Tracee L. Davis — 1st place, Criminalist III Janet Davis — 2nd place, and Criminalist III Kim D. Hardin — 3rd place. Not to be outdone, the Patrol's Springfield Laboratory held its 9th Annual Chili Competition and cubicle decorating contest. Criminalist I Dylan Jones won the cubicle decorating contest. Everyone had fun and enjoyed a meal together. Congratulations to the winners!

Winners of the Springfield Lab Chili Cookoff were (c) Criminalist III Marcie Abbey – 1st place, (l) Criminalist III Jared Roop – 2nd place, (r) Lab. Evid. Tech. I Regina A. Barnett – 3rd place.



Winners of the GHQ Lab's 16th Annual Chili Cookoff are (center) 1st – Criminalist I Allison Whitler, Latent Prints; (right) 2nd – Crim. Sprv. Will Randle, Trace Evidence; and (left) 3rd – Criminalist I Gretchen Hagen, DNA Casework.



The GHQ Lab's DNA Section dressed as Google Map locations for haunted sites. Pictured are: (back row, l to r) Criminalist II Amanda Paulus, Criminalist II Ericka Forck, Criminalist III Shena Latcham, Criminalist III Sean Bailes, Criminalist II Paige Anderson, and Technician II Caitlan Elley; (front row, l to r) Criminalist I Gretchen Hagen, Criminalist Sprv. Ruth Montgomery. On October 31, Springfield lab held its 9th Annual Chili Competition and cube decorating contest.

Patrol Celebrates 25 Years of International Accreditation

By Capt. Rex Scism, Q/RDD

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. was founded in 1979, through a collaborative effort among major law enforcement associations harboring a desire to improve public safety services through a collective body of standards. The Missouri State Highway Patrol first became accredited with CALEA on November 21, 1992. Since that time the MSHP has undergone seven additional and rigorous reaccreditation assessments to maintain this recognition; completing our eighth reaccreditation assessment in November 2015. While there are many organizational benefits derived from professional accreditation, some specific ones include:

- enhanced internal capabilities through independent evaluation
- establishing fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices
- improvement of agency service delivery and both internal/external transparency
- improvement of interagency cooperation and coordination
- increased confidence in agency services both within and outside the law enforcement organization
- establishment of contemporary policies and procedures
- enhanced mechanisms for internal and statistical analysis across various spectrums

CALEA is managed by a 21-member board comprised of 11 law enforcement practitioners and other members who are selected from both public and private sectors. Board composition generally includes membership from public safety, business, academia, and the judiciary. Accredited organizations undergo an exhaustive annual review, which culminates with an onsite inspection every four years and includes a com-

prehensive analysis that determines how well the organization adheres to hundreds of standards. The MSHP is tasked with conforming to 373 of 484 compliance standards, consisting of hundreds of individual "bullets." These bullets represent individual elements of compliance, for which the agency must physically provide "proofs" during required review processes. While reaccreditation periods are extremely labor intensive, the requirements set forth in accreditation require an ongoing and dedicated effort.



The MSHP Research and Development Division conducted an internal CALEA workload assessment in 2014; surveying all troops and divisions within the state. Survey results indicated an average of 79 personnel expended 4,710 hours of effort toward collection, submission, analysis, and management of the agency's accreditation process. Over 1,596 documents were submitted by organizational components, which is a conservative estimate considering the amount of documentation generated or maintained by RDD on an ongoing basis. During the same survey, a majority of MSHP component managers indicated accreditation either currently or previously has benefited their area of responsibility. Most cite

improved policy development and management as one of the primary benefits brought to the agency since accreditation.

Currently, the Patrol is engaged in the second annual review since the 2015 reaccreditation period; however, 2017 is noteworthy since this marks the Patrol's 25th year as an internationally accredited law enforcement agency. This milestone is significant and highlights the Patrol's continued commitment to excellence through continuous organizational self-improvement. During the past 25 years, the Patrol has maintained an enviable track record and achieved some significant accreditation milestones. For two years, the Patrol achieved CALEA's "Flagship" designation, which acknowledges the significant achievements and expertise provided by the most successful CALEA accredited agencies. In addition, the Patrol received "Meritorious" recognition after 15 continuous years of accreditation.

Finally, the Patrol was also recognized for the "CALEA Accreditation with Excellence Award." This achievement is obtained through 90% compliance with other-than-mandatory standards and no conditions or issues of noncompliance resulting from either the current or last assessment cycles.

The relationship between the Patrol and CALEA spans two and half decades — a period of time forged with innovation and changes that have embraced our Core Values and enhanced the Patrol's ability to provide service and protection to the public. The professionalism of any organization is typically measured by the quality of the personnel within. Patrol employees are among the very best and accreditation reaffirms our agency's commitment to excellence. Your contributions make a difference and have contributed to 25 years of success as an internationally accredited organization.

A Veterans' Day Salute!

In honor of Veterans' Day, the *Patrol News* staff would like to say thank you to the following active employees who also serve in our national guard.

Lt. Wallace V. Ahrens, Troop F
Sgt. Keith A. Almond, Troop E
Tpr. Richard L. Anderson, Troop D
Tpr. Kenneth R. Bechaud, Troop C
Cpl. Bruce A. Becker, Q/GD
Tpr. Jon-Yves Bellers, Troop I
Cpl. Nicholas J. Borgmeyer, Q/MIAC
CDL Examiner Franklin V. Byers,
 Troop D
Cpl. Rodney L. Calvert, Troop C
Tpr. Robert T. Carter, Troop H
Tpr. Douglas S. Christmas, Q/GD
 Tpr. Isaac A. Cox, Troop I
Tpr. Krystalyn Davis, Troop H
Tpr. Leif A. Dezner, Troop C
Sgt. Jamey R. Diffee, Troop C
Tpr. Zachariah C. Dudley, Troop D
Tpr. Joshua L. Dunmire, Troop I
 Tpr. Kyle Elledge, Troop C
Tpr. Aaron W. Ferguson, Troop A
Tpr. Joseph D. Fischer, Troop D
 Tpr. Dakota Fletcher, Troop A
 Tpr. Danny Gabriel, Troop H
Tpr. Graydon Gaines, Troop B
Tpr. Travis N. Garton, Troop H
 Tpr. Eric J. Graslie, Troop C
 Tpr. Darwin R. Hukill, Q/WPD
Tpr. Benjamin L. Israel, Troop H
Tpr. Douglas J. Jackson, Troop A
 Tpr. Kaleb F. Jeffers, Troop H
Tpr. Anthony J. Kempa, Troop H
 Capt. Paul E. Kennedy, Q/MIAC
 Tpr. Austin B. Kings, Troop F
 Tpr. Adam M. Kinney, Troop B
 Tpr. Zachary C. Kral, Troop C
CVE Insp. III Tyler D. Kyle, Troop C
 Tpr. Daniel A. Landi, Troop H
CVE Inspector III Jason E. Lawrence,
 Troop H
Comm. Oper. III Gerald D. Leigh,
 Troop D
 Sgt. J. Clay Marlin, Troop D
 Cpl. Clay D. Moeller, Troop A
CVE Insp. III Jeremy K. Monds,
 Troop G
Tpr. T. Randy Morris, Troop D
Tpr. Matthew R. Parker, Troop F
Tpr. Eric C. Penrod, Troop F

Cpl. Douglas W. Pfeifer Jr., Troop A
 Sgt. Tim G. Pulley, Q/FOB
 Sgt. Shane R. Rowe, Troop D
Tpr. Lowell W. Sanders, Troop G
Lt. Shawn R. Satterfield, Q/DDCC
 Tpr. Ryan T. Schneid, Troop E
 Capt. Rex M. Scism, Q/RDD
 Tpr. Valen F. Selsor, Troop H
 Tpr. Tyler L. Shupe, Troop H
CVO Sprv. I Dale R. Smotherman,
 Troop G

Cpl. Danny G. Thornhill, Q/GD
Tpr. Nathan D. Wallace, Troop A
Tpr. Andrew Warren, Troop C

In addition to this list, there are numerous Patrol employees who have retired from the reserves. There are also those who served in a branch of the U.S. military prior to joining the agency. To all of you, we salute you and thank you for your service!

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

45 years ago

November 1972 — This issue's cover featured a photo of the VU-CONTROL unit on top of a patrol car. The center spread showed how Patrol garage employees installed the unit. The VU-CONTROL was designed to aid the traffic crash investigating officer in traffic control of approaching traffic.

35 years ago

December 1982 — According to this issue, criminal records had been automated November 1, 1982. According to the article, it was expected that in early 1983, MULES users would have access to the Criminal History System and be able to receive an automated rap sheet via their terminal. The Troop F Pistol Team won the 1982 Inter-Troop Pistol Competition.

25 years ago

November 1992 — Three female MSHP members and three female KCPD officers acted as prostitute decoys during a vice sting in Kansas City. These "professionals" were offered money, drugs, and even pizza — for services NOT rendered. The sting netted over 200 arrests. The Patrol's audiovisual unit accepted an international award for its video "Moniteau County Police Shootings," a documentary.

15 years ago

December 2002 — An article heralded the signing of what is commonly referred to as the "Move Over" law. New BAT vans were introduced to the media at a news conference. The 80th Recruit Class arrived at the Academy. Missouri's Fatal Accident Reporting System employees accepted an "Excellence In Service Award."

5 years ago

November/December 2012 — Trooper Fred F. Guthrie Jr. Memorial Highway dedicated. St. Louis Cardinals players recorded public service announcements encouraging seat belt use with several Troop C members. A new casino opened in Cape Girardeau, MO. An article highlighted the Patrol's recycling program.

Patrol History Trivia

By Sgt. E. M. Raub, GHQ

A U.S. marine, a poisonous snake, a young boy, two truck drivers, and a bridge at the bottom of a long "S" curve were involved in a tragic series of events on the morning of June 14, 1945. The Missouri State Highway Patrol's investigation of the incident was completed in about three days; however, the situation still affects the Patrol to some extent even now.

Like most traffic crashes, it happened so unexpectedly. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnesse, from Joplin, MO, were driving separate trucks pulling empty stock trailers northbound on U.S. Highway 63 in Boone County. He was alone, more than a quarter of a mile ahead of his wife, while she was accompanied by Richard Jamerson, a 22-year-old marine who was hitchhiking to his hometown in Nebraska. As Mr. Johnnesse started up a long hill, he met a southbound tractor pulling a gasoline tanker trailer. That Central States Oil truck was driven by 44-year-old John R. Terrell, who was taking his load from Macon, MO, to Jefferson City, MO. They probably waved to each other in passing—but, maybe not.

Several minutes later, Johnnesse noticed his wife's truck was no longer behind him. He stopped and waited several minutes, then turned around and retraced his route when his wife failed to come by. A short distance back he discovered his wife had come down a long hill on an "S" curve and traveled over the centerline as she entered the Silver Fork Creek Bridge. It was later speculated her brakes had failed as her truck came down the grade. Terrell could see the danger coming at him as his tanker entered the bridge from the opposite direction. The thick concrete bridge rail prevented him from steering out of danger while the other truck's momentum relentlessly carried it directly toward him. The trucks collided head-on, and both vehicles were quickly engulfed in flames as fuel from one of the trucks ignited. The tanker trailer was found

unburned and released from its tractor. Some people said Terrell, realizing the potential hazard, had managed to separate the tractor and trailer before his life slipped away. The occupants of the other truck apparently had been killed immediately by the impact.

Trooper Dave Conyers investigated the crash with assistance from Sergeant Paul Inman. The highway was completely blocked for hours as the trucks burned, and a large crowd of spectators gathered at the scene. Four-year-old Gerold Nichols wandered away from his mother to try to get a better vantage point only to be bitten by a copperhead. Bystanders quickly killed the snake while Sgt. Inman administered first aid and rushed the boy to the Noyes Hospital at the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO. The boy later recovered from the snake bite.

Terrell was a friend of many Troop B officers in Macon, and Troop B Captain Harry Hansen helped identify the body. Terrell's family returned home

from visiting a relative to find Capt. Hansen and four other officers waiting there to deliver a death message.

Indeed, it was a tragic series of events. But, you might ask how it bears on the Patrol today, for both officers at the scene and Captain Hansen are now all deceased. Well, the Macon truck driver's son, Richard, had originally planned to go with his father that fateful day; but, went with his mother to visit a relative instead. The young boy was quickly befriended by many Patrol officers in the Macon area, particularly Lloyd E. Poore and his wife, Ruby. Richard's ties with the Patrol became official on April 1, 1962, when he began training to become a member of the Patrol. Today, Sergeant Dick Terrell still recalls losing his father and gaining a new "family" in the process.

(This article was printed originally in the July 1988 issue of the Patrol News. Captain Raub retired in 1999. Sgt. Dick Terrell retired in 1994.)

2017 Public Opinion Survey Results Released

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

According to the recent public opinion survey the Missouri State Highway Patrol is fulfilling its mission of service and protection. This year's survey was web-based and included 1,812 respondents from July 1 to July 31, 2017.

The responses were analyzed and produced the following findings:

- Approximately three out of five respondents reported having had direct contact with the Patrol. 89.3% of those respondents reported an excellent or good experience.
- 91.2% of respondents gave the Patrol a good or excellent overall rating.
- 92.7% indicated appearance, attitude, and demeanor good or excellent.
- 75.3% of respondents indicated enforcing criminal law was the most important duty performed by the MSHP. Detecting/deterring the flow of illegal drugs and traffic crash investigation were identified as very important duties of the MSHP by 70.4% and 69.1% of respondents, respectively.
- 72.8% of respondents indicated MSHP officers are doing an effective to very effective job of deterring alcohol-related boating crashes.
- 88.1 percent approve of DWI saturation patrols and 83.3% approve of sobriety checkpoints being used to detect and remove intoxicated drivers from Missouri roadways.

Deaths

Connie L. Hobson



Connie L. Hobson (Hub Cap Guy), 84, of Carthage, MO, died on Monday, September 4, 2017, at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, MO. He was born on July 14, 1933, in Boulder City, MO. He joined the Patrol in 1960, where he worked in Troop D as a radio operator, driver examiner, and weight inspector before retiring as an office manager in 1991. Connie is survived by his wife, Shirley, a daughter, a daughter-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other family members. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Hobson family. To learn more about Connie's life, visit the Ulmer Funeral Home website at <http://www.ulmerfh.com>.

Robert E. "Bob" Shirley



Robert E. "Bob" Shirley, 78, a Howard County resident, died on Wednesday, September 27, 2017,

at University Hospital in Columbia, MO. He was born March 15, 1939, in Bartlesville, OK. Bob served the citizens of Missouri as a member of the Patrol for 26 years, retiring in 1994. He is survived by two sons, one daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other family members, and friends. His wife, Lucille, preceded him in death (2000). Memorials may be made to Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church in care of the Friemoth-Freese Funeral home. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Shirley family. For more information about Bob's life, visit the Friemoth-Freese Funeral Home website at <http://www.friemothfreesefuneralservice.com>.

Gerald P. "Jerry" Lootens



Gerald P. "Jerry" Lootens, 80, of Taos, MO, died on Friday, September 29, 2017, at his home. He was born on June 6, 1937, in Taos. He was a proud employee of the Patrol for 42 years, retiring as an information analyst in 1998. Jerry is survived by his wife, Carolyn, of the home, two sons, two daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other family members, and friends. Expressions of sympathy may be made to SSM Health at Home Hospice Foundation or St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Lootens family. To learn more about Jerry's life, visit the Houser-Millard Funeral Chapels Inc. at <http://www.millardfamilychapel.com>.

Lowell A. Forshee



L. Allen Forshee, 74, of Hermitage, MO, formerly of Willard, MO, died on Saturday, September 30, 2017. He was born on September 15, 1943, in Sacville, MO. Allen served in the United States Army before beginning his civilian career. He joined the Patrol in 2001, and retired in 2014, as a building and grounds maintenance supervisor, Troop D. Allen is survived by his wife, Mary Forshee, of the home, two daughters, one son, three stepchildren, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other family and friends, and a special furry friend, Missy. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Shriner's Children's Hospital and may be left at the funeral home. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Forshee family. To learn more about Allen's life, visit the Wilson-Griffin Funeral Home website at <http://www.wilsongriffin.com>.

"This is the beginning of a new day. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, not loss; good not evil; success, not failure—in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it today.

— Author Unknown

Deaths

Robert H. Mudd



Robert H. Mudd, 88, of Lake Saint Louis, MO, died at home surrounded by family on Friday, September 29, 2017. Bob was born in Montgomery County. He attended the one-room Pine Knot schoolhouse and graduated from Middletown High School. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Korea until July 1953. He joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1954. After 32 years, he retired as a sergeant, having served most of the time as a criminal investigator. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Faye (Konneman), four children, 10

grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, other family members, and friends. Anyone wishing to make a donation in his memory is asked to make it to the Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Mudd family. To learn more about Mr. Mudd's life, visit Legacy.com.

Martha H. Barnes



Martha H. Barnes, 94, died on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at

The Timbers Assisted Living, Holts Summit, Missouri. Martha was born in Westphalia, MO, the youngest of eight children. She graduated from Westphalia High School at the age of 16. She worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 41 years, retiring in 1988. During the last 17 years, she served as the executive secretary to the superintendent, working for five consecutive colonels. Martha was preceded in death by her husband, Bud, all seven siblings, and a son. She is survived by a grandson, four great-grandchildren, and extended family. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Barnes family. To learn more about Mrs. Barnes' life, visit the Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home website at <http://www.dulletrimble.com>.

Destiny

A person often meets his destiny on the road he took to avoid it.

—Jean de La Fontaine

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:

Fleet Control Coord. Todd E. Diehl (Q/FFD) - mother
Ret. Col. Roger D. Stottlemyre - father
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Tony D. Marsh (D) - mother
Sgt. S. Doug Black (H) - father
Tpr. Josh L. White (D) - grandfather
Tpr. Chris R. Kottwitz (B) - father
Tech. III Lori L. Woehr (Q/PRD) - father
Ret. Tpr. Jim E. Burnett - son
Cpl. Roger A. Sherman (H) - mother
Tpr. Bruce F. Baker (F) - mother

Telecom. Lasandra D. Quint (D) - father
Ret. Video Prod. Spec. II Meg K. Gooch (Q/TND) - mother
Criminalist III Kim D. Hardin (Q/CLD) - mother-in-law
Lt. Rick E. Butram (Q/RDD) - father-in-law
CVO II Matt C. Hodges (E) - grandmother
Tpr. Todd B. Heintz (H) - father
Comm. Oper. II Melanie A. Stallsworth (H) - father
Lt. Steven J. Frisbie (Q/CJISD) - father
Ret. CVO Sprv. I.J. Mike Masters - mother

Ret. MVI Sprv. R. Scott Pitts - mother
Ret. DE Sprv. Debbie D. Pitts - mother-in-law
Ret. Sgt. John E. Fox - wife
CDL Exam Lisa L. Bird (A) - father-in-law
Cpl. Mark A. Pate (A) - grandmother
DE Sprv. Lisa D. Land (D) - grandmother
Lt. Darewin L. Clardy (F) - mother-in-law
Ret. Lt. Roy A. Fluegel - wife

Deaths

Paul B. Heintz



Paul B. Heintz, 66, of Gower, MO, died on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Paul graduated from Central High School in 1969. He retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol as chief commercial vehicle officer in 2005, after 33 years of employment. He was assigned to Troop H, and worked in Bethany, MO, and St. Joseph, MO. Surviving family include his wife of 45 years, Mary Heintz, a son (Tpr. Todd B. Heintz), a daughter (Comm. Oper. II Melanie Stallsworth), mother; six grandchildren; two brothers; extended family, and friends. The family suggests memorial gifts to the Frazier Baptist Church Building Fund or The Gideons International. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Heintz family. To learn more about Mr. Heintz's life, visit the St. Joseph News Press website at <http://www.newspressnow.com>.

Thank You

To All,

A sincere thank you for the thoughts, prayers, and words of sympathy at the passing of my father in-law. My family was deeply touched and moved by the outpouring of support we received during a difficult time.

God's rich blessings to you all,
*Lt. Rick E. Butram, Q/RDD,
& family*

Colonel Shares Leadership Vision

At the recent troop meetings, Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, used a different approach. After recognizing employees who accepted awards or reached service milestones in 2017, she shared some "news briefs." Subjects ranged from the Leadership in Policing training, to the "Colonel's Corner," which provides direct feedback electronically. The colonel talked about the Patrol's budget and the upcoming legislative session. She then took a moment to emphasize that we are One Patrol regardless of job title, before sharing a video message that included observations from employees and retirees on being part of the Patrol family. The colonel also shared her thoughts regarding a "leadership vision" for the agency. That vision is being printed again here:

"Leadership is a privilege that carries with it responsibility to inspire others and to direct them to attain the vision and the mission of the Patrol. Leadership is dispersed at every level, regardless of rank or position. You are all leaders.

Our leadership mission is to provide direction, opportunities for development, and persistence in accomplishing our goals, now and in the future. As leaders and followers, we must satisfy the needs of individuals, while accomplishing the goals of the organization.

As we do this, we will reflect the Patrol's Core Values in our thoughts, words, and actions. We will strive to foster productive relationships, and encourage others for future service through organizational and individual successes. We will be ever mindful of the citizens we serve and recognize the resources we are entrusted to utilize."



This sharp looking pink tractor was restored by Mr. Dennis Erickson, a local farmer from Tarkio, MO. He asked CVO Sprv. I Darcy D. Vette, Troop H, to drive it in the local Fairfax Parade this past August. Darcy is a survivor – she received the call we all dread telling her she had cancer in March 2012. Darcy began her fight against breast cancer then and after three surgeries she returned to work. She is an example of someone who never gives up! Darcy is assigned to Post H4 on Interstate 29 at Watson, MO.

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FIRST-EVER YOUTH ACADEMY PROGRAM

By Sgt. Bob J. Parr, Q/CRD

The Missouri State Highway Patrol held its first-ever Youth Academy Program in 2017. The Youth Academy Program was designed to help young people explore career opportunities in law enforcement while fostering teamwork and personal leadership skills. Career Recruitment Division personnel designed the Youth Academy Program in a way that allows it to be held in any troop area, thus bringing the experience to youth across the state who may not be able to attend a single location academy. To attend, the youth ages 16-18 submit an application. The Youth Academy organizers were using the experience to encourage youth to enter a career in law enforcement by exposing them to the various roles within the Highway Patrol. Also, the program allowed for the youth to engage law enforcement officers and develop positive bonds.

Two Youth Academy Programs were held during the summer 2017. Youth from the St. Louis region attended the Youth Academy Program held at Sunnyhill Adventures in Dittmer, MO. The Highway Patrol provided 15 employees to serve as camp staff for the 28 youth selected to attend Sunnyhill.

The second Youth Academy Program was held at Eagle Sky Adventures in Piedmont, MO, for youth from the Poplar Bluff region. The Highway Patrol provided 12 employees to serve as camp staff for the 12 youth attending the program at Eagle Sky.

Youth Academy Program participants were required to wake at 5:30 a.m. and participate in physical fitness activities. Both camps strived to implement teamwork and confidence building activities every day. Cadets participated in drill and ceremony, alpine tower, zip line, and fishing. Various divisions from the Patrol visited to showcase their roles and responsibilities, including Aircraft, DDCC, MCIU, Gaming, and Water Patrol. In addition, Field Operations Bureau was represented by K-9, SWAT, and road officers.

Cadets at both camps underwent training and certification for cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. They also participated in stop & approach scenarios.

"The cadets all completed a survey on their experience and most, if not all, stated the program pushed them to their limits," said Sgt. Bob J. Parr, Q/CRD. "The youth were impressed



(top, left) Youth cadets scale the Alpine Tower at Sunnyhill Adventures. (top, right) Cadets work together to overcome an obstacle during one of the daily team building activities. (bottom) This group of youth and their instructors attended the second Youth Academy Program held at Eagle Sky.

with their personal ability to lead others and overcome obstacles throughout the week. Many of the youth stated they participated in unique activities that they would have never had the opportunity to do otherwise, including a high ropes course, zip-lining, and fishing."

The Career Recruitment Division hopes to continue these programs in the future. Both camps were completely funded by private donations.